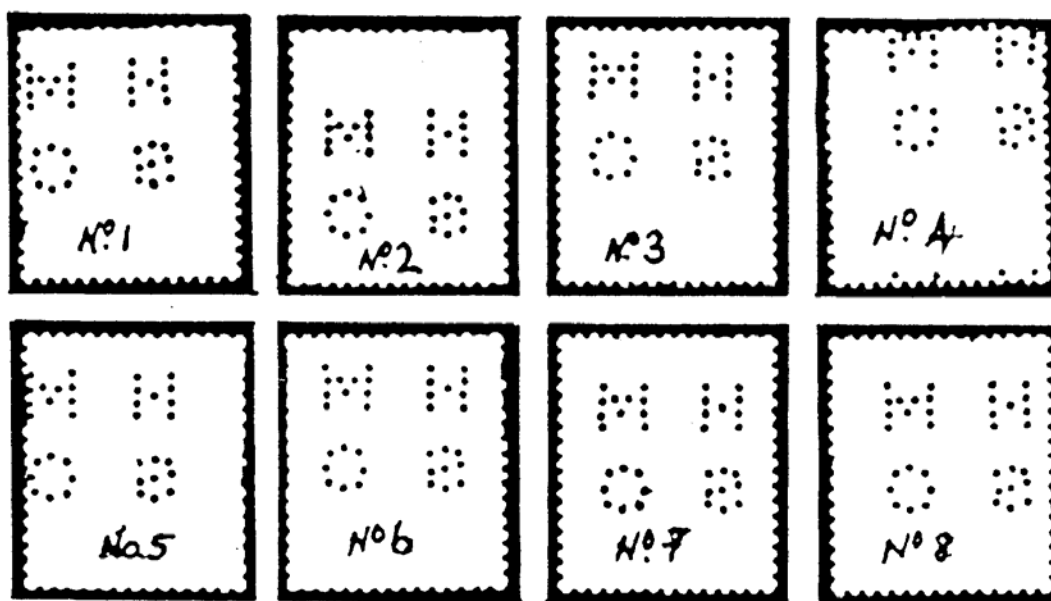


## HM STATIONERY OFFICE (Hurlin Die)

It has been pointed out to us that the standard of workmanship shown in the construction of this die is poor. This leads to significant differences between individual perfin in the comb and subsequently up to twelve variations could be identified. The comb could, theoretically, be reconstructed but as this die is very rare and we know of no multiple examples, this may be impossible. Nevertheless, it would be interesting to record all twelve variations, so we call on members who hold this perfin (not to be confused with the more common Sloper Die) to let the editor have photocopies of the backs of your examples (or send them for photocopying). Eight variations of this die have already been identified from the collections of the editor and of Reg Powell as follows. (The numbering is arbitrary).



- Type 1 : H has eccentric dot and left leg curved
- Type 2 : H has short left leg which is not straight
- Type 3 : M has right leg curving out at bottom
- Type 4 : O badly deformed
- Type 5 : M has right leg curving in at bottom
- Type 6 : H has vertical strokes out of alignment
- Type 7 : M has both legs curved
- Type 8 : M has top hole of right leg high

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